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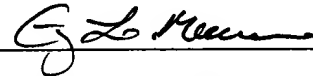
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Responsive to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability dated September 1, 2005, Applicants comment as follows:


Applicants note that each of the allowed claims of the application sets forth an independently patentable invention. Accordingly, the claims may be allowable for reasons other than or in addition to those set forth in the Statement. For example, to the extent that the Statement uses language not appearing in a claim, such a claim may be allowable for a reason other than that set forth in the Statement.

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